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Attorney Docket No.	1576-003
First Inventor	Joseph J. Berke
Title	FORK WITH TINE PROTECTOR GUARD AND METHOD
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.	8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specification [Total Pages 9] (preferred arrangement set forth below)	a. <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Reader Form (CRF)
- Descriptive title of the invention	
- Cross Reference to Related Applications	
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D	
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix	
- Background of the Invention	
- Brief Summary of the Invention	
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)	
- Detailed Description	
- Claim(s)	
- Abstract of the Disclosure	
4. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 5]	i. <input type="checkbox"/> CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
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i. <input type="checkbox"/> DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).	
6. <input type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76	

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))	10. <input type="checkbox"/> 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Power of (when there is an assignee) <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney
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Prior application information:

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Art Unit: _____

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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Application Number	New Application
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Art Unit	
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath		
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet		
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification		
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination		
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action		
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action		
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month		
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month		
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month		
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month		
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month		
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal		
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal		
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing		
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding		
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable		
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional		
1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)		
1502 470	2502 235	Design issue fee		
1503 630	2503 315	Plant issue fee		
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner		
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I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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Date

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